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Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 22-0205 Date: February 2, 2022 Bill Status: **Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Woodrow House Judiciary Sen. Rodriguez Fiscal Analyst: Annie Scott | 303-866-5851 Annie.Scott@state.co.us **Bill Topic:** DAMAGES IN CLASS ACTIONS CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT Summary of **Fiscal Impact:** □ Local Government ☐ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity The bill amends the Colorado Consumer Protection Act to allow a successful plaintiff in a class action case to recover actual damages, injunctive relief allowed by law, and reasonable attorney fees and costs. This bill may minimally increase state revenue and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

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State Revenue and Expenditures

This bill may minimally increase revenue and workload for trial courts in the Judicial Department from an increase in civil class action filings. Revenue from filing fees is subject to TABOR, and any change in revenue is expected to have a minimal impact on any TABOR refunds owed. The increase in workload for the trial courts can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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